

**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFICE OF WAGE AND HOUR  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
District of Columbia Minimum Wage Increase**

Beginning **July 1, 2017**, the minimum wage in the District of Columbia will increase from \$11.50 per hour to \$12.50 per hour for all workers, regardless of size of employer. Mayor Muriel Bowser signed the “Fair Shot Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2016 into law on June 27, 2016 after unanimous passage by the D.C. Council. The law also includes provisions to further increase the minimum wage in subsequent years.

Under the new law, the minimum wage will progressively increase to \$15.00 per hour on July 1, 2020, then increasing each successive year starting in 2021 in proportion to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

As of July 1, 2017 the base minimum wage for tipped employees will increase from \$2.77 per hour to \$3.33. However, if an employee’s hourly tip earnings (averaged weekly) added to the base minimum wage do not equal the District’s full minimum wage, the employer must pay the difference. For employees who receive gratuities, the minimum wage will progressively increase to \$5.00 by 2020, beginning in 2021 to increase the minimum wage during each successive year pursuant to the Consumer Price Index.

The Department of Employment Services will produce and mail new D.C. Minimum Wage workplace posters to all District employers. Every employer subject to the provisions of the Act must post the D.C. Minimum Wage Poster in or about the premises at which any employee covered is employed.

**NOTE:**

Posters are also available by accessing [does.dc.gov/services/office-wage-hour-compliance](https://does.dc.gov/services/office-wage-hour-compliance)

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